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**Minutes of a Meeting of Darley Dale Town Council**

**Held in the Whitworth Centre, Darley Dale**

**At 7.00 pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014**

**Present**

Councillor J Evans (in the Chair)

Councillors A Bullock D Cliff A Creese K Dyson E Faulkener

J Morrison I Pasteur & I Walker

**Also Present**

Mrs C Lavell (Town Clerk)

Councillor David Fearn (Derbyshire Dales District Council)

2 Members of the Public

534/14 **Apologies for absence**

Councillors S Bettany (family commitments) J Atkin (Work commitments)

Councillor Longdon (Derbyshire County Council)

535/14 **Variation of Order of Business**

The following item, 15, was moved to be taken after item 5

536/14      **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest

537/14      **Public Participation**

Concern was expressed that some areas are not receiving copies of Community Voice; areas identified were Normanhurst Park, Hawksley Drive and Ladygrove. A list to be compiled and the Editor/Distributor to be notified. It was acknowledged this was an ongoing problem and not the fault of the new Editor.

An appeal was made on behalf of the Peak Performers Dog Performance Club for the Town Council to consider the negative affect a blanket ban as proposed by Derbyshire Dales District Council (DDDC) as part of the dogs on lead order, would have on organisations such as theirs. As a group they hold weekly sessions in the privately owned Whitworth Park where dogs are trained in fly ball which necessitates dogs being off lead to participate in the activities.

This item to be discussed as agenda item 5.

538/14      **Report from Police and/or County/District Councillors**

Councillor Fearn (DDDC) stated that difficulties were being encountered due to the Local Plan being rejected by the Inspectors as private developers were seizing on a loophole that exists whilst no adopted plan is in place to develop lands that otherwise would not be permissibly considered.

The Town Clerk read out on behalf of Councillor Longdon a response to minute 537/14 from the November meeting concerning outstanding issues on Oker Estate.

- Monies had been allocated for further works and Crowstones Road would be top dressed.
- The issue relating to entry signs had now been addressed and the signs were now both legal and easier to understand.
- Trees, some dead stumps and low hanging branches had been removed. The request from a resident to have trees overhanging his summerhouse cut down was considered not to be the work of the County Council. The fruit trees affecting the path adjacent to the house of another resident had been inspected by the Tree

Officer and were considered to be healthy trees which would not be removed as requested. To assist in the problem of squashed fruits on the pavement affecting access for a disabled lady and her day carers, additional sweepings would be requested by the DDDC street sweeper in the Autumn period.

540/14

### **Dog Control Orders**

The Chairman of the Whitworth Trust (Councillor Walker), owners of the Whitworth Park, reported on the discussion at the recent Trust meeting on this issue. It is considered that as the Trust is an independent organisation the District Council cannot enforce their Control Orders on the Trust as they can within their own Parks.

The Trust are aware of their responsibilities and have rules and contracts in place with Club users on their premises which they feel cover the situation.

They are however going to seek advice from their insurers to ensure all aspects have been considered.

This would affect the general public as well as Club users, as the Trust's view is the public space is for the enjoyment of everyone.

It was considered that a blanket ban would not stop irresponsible dog owners and individual instances of bad behaviour could result in an individual and dog(s) being prohibited from using the park, an action that is permissible under the management of the Trusts obligations.

A vote was taken and it was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would support the stance taken by the Whitworth Trust in objecting to the "Dogs on leads order in the Whitworth Park" and the Town Clerk would write to notify the District Council of their views prior to the close of the consultation period 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2015

539/14

### **Planning Applications**

#### **RESOLVED**

**(1) Comments to be submitted to the District Council on the following applications**

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1.	14/00769/FUL	Sectional wooden building for youth activities and storage	The Whitworth Centre Dale Road North Darley Dale Derbyshire DE4 2EQ	For Information only as the Town Council is the applicant
2.	14/00818/FUL	Extension to bar and restaurant	Darwin Forest Country Park Sydnope Hill Darley Moor Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5LN	No Objection
3.	14/00797/FUL	Insertion of window to south west elevation	Nursery Croft Darley House Estate Hackney Derbyshire DE4 2QG	No Objection

**(2) That the following applications that have been granted by the District Council be noted**

No	Application Number	Description and Details	Applicant	Comments
1	14/00658/FUL	Replacement of existing conservatory 6 Normanhurst Park Darley Dale Derbyshire	Mr and Mrs Burd	Granted with conditions
2	14/00694/FUL	Two storey rear extension  27 Willow Way Darley Dale Derbyshire	Mr Robert Heath	Refused

3	14/0077/FUL	Single storey side extension  The Old Mill House, Ladygrove Road, Two Dales	Mr Andrew Alston	Granted with conditions
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540/14 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED that** the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council held on 20 November 2014 be approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

543/14 **To Determine if any items should be moved Confidential Session**

None

544/14 **Finance**

The Town Council considered the schedule of payments to be made.

The purchase of crowd barriers used around the Christmas tree was explained as opposed to hiring as in previous years ,as the payback period is 2 years which will represent a saving to the Council in 2016 onwards.

An update report was provided on the November budget monitoring reports.

The proposed budget for 2015/16 as agreed at the November meeting was re presented as the District Council have now advised the Town Council of their Council Grant figure.

**RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the schedule of payments detailed below be approved.
- (2) That the update on balances be noted.
- (3) That the proposed budget be accepted and the necessary precept paperwork be completed and sent to DDDC based on this budget and a precept request of £78,000

## **Schedule of approved payments December 2014**

Darley Dale Town Council Cheque schedule for approval of payment

<b><u>Cheque requests as at December 2014</u></b>					
<b>Chq number</b>		<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Budget Item</b>	<b>Total</b>
3105		G Lowry	Bus Shelters Clean	Bus Shelters	50.00
3106		Markovich	Grit Bin purchase	Environmental	126.00
3107		Greenaway Workshop	Printing	Pantomime/Arts	37.50
3108		Champion Hire	Crowd Barriers	Environmental	263.64
3109		LM Creative	Community Voice	Advertising & Publicity	785.00
3110		Darley Dale Twinning	S137 Grant	S137 Grant	222.00
3111		DCC	Superannuation	Administration	269.05
3112		Administration	Administration	Administration	1,007.07
3113		HMRC	PAYE	Administration	222.28
3114		Salisbury and Wood	Filling of all grit bins	Environmental	1,138.80
3115		Gary Lowry	Bus Shelters Clean	Bus Shelters	50.00
3116		Whitworth Centre	Office Rent and Toilets Nov	Administration & Toilets	1,145.24
					<b>5316.58</b>

### 545/14 **Town Mayor/Chairman's Announcements**

The Town Council Carol Service featuring Darley Dale Brass Band was well attended and enjoyed as part of the Whitworth Christmas Fayre event.

A visit to the Christmas Memory Lane event by the Mayor had also been an enjoyable occasion.

### 545/14 **Town Clerk's and Councillors' update of matters in hand.**

**Allotments**-The Town Clerk reported that a contract has been allocated to Greenaway Lane for the charity allotment. Ongoing

investigations were underway with the Environment agency regarding the fallen banking at Oddford Lane.

**Community Grants.** – Thanks had been received from the Cricket Club and Billiards Room for their grant. A letter and cheque to be sent to the twinning association as agreed at the November meeting,

**Oddford Lane** - DCC has responded. to the letter sent regarding making Oddford Lane one way. They stated as there have been no collisions or issues they would not consider this request further.

**The multi user path** - is still being looked at by the legal team of the Whitworth Trust.

An issue regarding great crested newts has been resurrected (close to the proposed path) and the temporary solution to this is to be the building of a boardwalk.

**Website**-A pre project meeting to be set up.

**Snow Wardens**- Councillor Atkins has been registered with the DCC scheme; his completed paperwork is awaited by DCC prior to the release of grit for the Council

**Oker Estate Footpath**- Letter and a follow up email sent to Mike Galsworthy, Property Services DDDC to ask for action to be taken to get the path from Lime Grove Avenue to Local 4 U put into a usable state for all users, especially the disabled and people with pushchairs and prams

**Medical Centre** A letter has previously been sent proposing a meeting to discuss the current situation regarding funding. It was agreed that a follow-up reminder should be sent by the Clerk.

**Arc Community Centre** The Chair to re-establish contact in January with the Chair of the Community Centre,

**Removal of Litter Bins** A series of emails have been sent regarding this subject to both establish the background and then express concerns at their removal in particular at bus stops. Photographic evidence has been sent to illustrate the build up of rubbish in bus shelters which has been the public response to the removal of bins.

**Local Plan**, A letter has been written to DDDC to register the Town Council's concern at the incorrect representation of Darley Dale in one of their Planning Documents.

**RESOLVED** that the update be noted.

546/14      **Reports from Representatives on outside bodies**

There were no updates at this meeting.

547/14      **Reports from Working Parties**

There were no updates at this meeting.

548/14      **The Whitworth Centre**

The Minutes of the Whitworth Board Meeting held on 19 November 2014 were received and noted.

The Chairman of the Trust explained that the financial year of the Trust had been brought into line with that of the Council. They were shortly to commence their budget planning process for 2015/16 and were aware of the need of the inclusion of maintenance and project works as part of this planning process.

540/14      **Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The final draft of the questionnaire (which has been circulated to all Councillors) was agreed by the Neighbourhood plan group and the questionnaire has now been printed. It will be distributed to all households in Darley Dale in the New Year with a return date of the end of February.

551/14      **Local Plan Update**

A letter has been received from Ashbourne Town Council; with an invitation to attend a meeting to discuss the DDDC Local Plan and the fact it was not robust enough to pass examination. As this is a subject which is of relevance and concern to DDTC due to both the vacuum created and risk posed by potential developers and the need to provide considerably more homes across Derbyshire Dales over the next twenty years than initially envisaged (4500 to 6500) it was decided that Councillors Evans and Walker would attend to represent the views of Darley Dale.



It was **RESOLVED** to accept the invitation and for the Town Clerk to action this.

550/14

**Model Publication Scheme**

The Town Clerk produced a model publication scheme for consideration of adoption by the Town Council. The scheme outlines the documents which the Council must have available for the public to view and how they can access them.

This is the first in a series of documents which will be required to be updated as part of the preparation for introducing a new website.

**RESOLVED** to adopt the proposed model publication scheme

552/14

**Update on Asbestos situation.**

The Chair reported that there has been a case of fly tipping of asbestos at Church Road allotments. The allotments are owned by DDDC but managed on their behalf by the Town Council.

Considerable correspondence has occurred between the Town Council and Mike Galsworthy, Estates and Facilities Manager, DDDC regarding the removal and payment of this service. Initially it was maintained it was the responsibility of the Town Council however after a robust challenge to this it has been agreed by the legal team at DDDC that the contract is only for the “day to day management” and that events such as the fly tipping would not fall to the Town Council as tenants, as it does not fall within the legal definition of “day to day management” therefore the invoice will be paid by DDDC.

Discussions also occurred with the insurance broker and insurance company which did not prove constructive or helpful. An alternative insurer is to be considered in the future.

**RESOLVED** to note the update

553/14

**Youth Club Update**

The professional youth workers have been hired for a further period, as their work is proving very popular with the members and attendance

figures have increased in recent weeks to between 16 and 20 young people.

The youth club is now part of a VCI network which will help with advice and funding applications.

A funding application is being worked on via the Heritage Lottery Young Roots fund, which would provide an additional nights youth club for a specified period with a World War 1 focus and would continue the work with the professional youth workers.

Funding is also being explored via Dales Housing and the Police proceeds of crime fund.

554/14 **Community Voice Update**

There has been very good feedback on the revised version of Community Voice. issues regarding distribution were discussed earlier in the meeting

555/14 **Assets of Community Interest**

The Plough Inn, Two Dales has been successfully registered as an asset of Community Value, notification was received this week.

Paperwork regarding registering the playing fields at Darley Dale Primary School as "An asset of Community Value" by the Town Council has been completed and sent to DDDC.

Additional areas were discussed as regards suitability, woodland at Sandy Path, grounds of Stancliffe Hall and Darley Hillside Chapel, It was agreed to contact the Residents Association of Darley Hillside to see if this is something they would consider as regards Stancliffe Hall and the Minister of Darley Hillside chapel as regards Darley Hillside Chapel.

Further work to be undertaken as regards The Tipping and Willow Way play areas and Sandy Path woodland as to their suitability for following a similar approach

**RESOLVED** the above action points be actioned and paperwork prepared and submitted for the play areas at The Tipping and Willow Way.

555/14

### **Update on Darley Dale Primary School**

Councillor Bullock reported back on the situation regarding this development as he had been approached by several concerned residents regarding uncompleted works.

He explained there were 43 planning conditions attached to this development relating to the listed building consent, extension to the primary school and conversion of the listed building. He and the Chair of the residents association had attended a meeting with Gareth Griffiths ( DDDC Planning Officer) to discuss the issues raised, which included landscaping not being implemented, incorrect use of bricks, walls not being replaced/rebuilt, no grass being provided in gardens etc all in contravention of the planning conditions.

In addition a revised traffic management scheme on Greenaway Lane has not been implemented despite this being a condition.

It was **RESOLVED** to write to DDDC expressing concern regarding the proper discharge of planning conditions to this development.

This prompted a discussion about the other two recently completed affordable housing developments in Darley Dale and it was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Bullock and Walker would undertake a similar assessment to see if the planning conditions had all been implemented for Poppyfields and Olympian Way.

556/14

### **Christmas Arrangements.**

The Town Council Carol Service, supported by Darley Dale Brass Band was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> as part of the Whitworth Centre Christmas Fayre event.

The annual Pantomime is to be Dick Whittington, performed at the Whitworth Centre on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1.00, pm tickets were reported to be selling well via the Tea Room at the Whitworth Centre. Prices have been held at 2013 rates of £4 adults and £3 children and concessions.

**RESOLVED** to note this update and make a donation to the Brass Band of £50 from the Town Council and £50 The Whitworth Centre in recognition of their support.

557/14 **Winter Arrangements.**

The Town Clerk reported that Salsbury and Wood are to be the new providers for salt and grit for Darley Dale as they have offered a good price which includes filling the bins in situ. This will provide a cost saving in comparison to the previous provider of DCC.

The salt and grit provided as part of the Snow Warden Scheme was explained to be only available when the Snow warden becomes formally registered with DCC.

558/14 **Affordable Housing**

Concern was expressed that the affordable housing schemes were advertising vacant units when the implication had been there was a heavy demand and waiting lists for such units.

**RESOLVED** to write to Rob Coggins at DDDC to question this.

559/14 **Correspondence**

The following mail was summarised from:-

- Letter from Ashbourne Town Council already referred to
- Letter from a local resident expressing concern at dogs having to be kept on leads in Whitworth Park as part of the Dog Control Orders
- Two letters of thanks for award of Community Grants (S137monies) from the Billiard Room and Cricket Cub
- Feedback on consultation regarding spend of S106 monies, support for both expenditure on the Bowman Building for the Youth Club or play facilities at the new housing development , Old School Close, (former Darley Dale Primary site)
- Acknowledgement card from Chatsworth following the death of the Duchess of Devonshire.

560/14 **Information Received**

None

561/14 **Public participation**

A comment was made about the poor condition of the woodland area and badly broken fence around the woodland on Sandy Path. This item to be put on the agenda for the January meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2015